

SHEEPY PARISH COUNCIL

THE VILLAGES OF

Sheepy Magna, Sheepy Parva, Sibson, Wellsborough, Upton, Pinwall and Cross Hands

Sheepy Neighbourhood Plan

Shaping our future – Making your views count

Information Evening – March 2026

Background

- ▶ The Localism Act 2011 introduced new rights and powers for communities - **Neighbourhood Planning**
- ▶ Gives the community an opportunity to develop a shared vision for development, growth and protection
- ▶ Development is essential to ensure communities remain sustainable and enjoyable places to live (planning system)

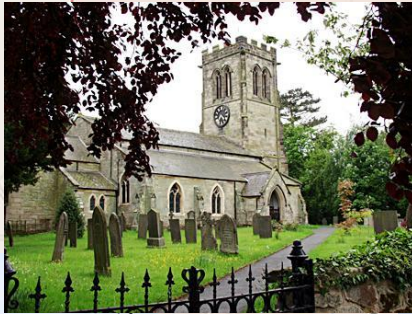
What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- ▶ A community-led plan (policies) for guiding future development, growth, protection and other priorities within the Parish
- ▶ Must be developed in consultation, be aligned with local and national planning policy and supported by the community
- ▶ It is independently examined and goes to referendum
- ▶ Policies are legally binding and form part of the HBBC development plan (Local Plan) – it carries the same weight in decision making

Why it is so important

- ▶ Puts **US** in control:
 - Sets out what the community wants
 - Environment, conservation and green spaces
 - Housing – where, type and design
 - Local economy - amenities
 - Transport
 - We can be proactive rather than reactive – protects against undesirable speculative development
- ▶ It **MUST** be taken into account by the Local Authority when making planning decisions

The Parish Area



Current Status of Sheepy NP

- ▶ Started first version in 2015 – plan adopted (made) in March 2019: sets out vision for the Parish to 2039 and supporting policies (17): 93% in favour at referendum
- ▶ June 2021 – March 2022: NP updated, consulted on and examined
- ▶ May 2022: revised NP adopted (no referendum needed): same vision, policies updated and design guide added

- ▶ **November 2025: Sheepy Parish Council approves further review and update of NP (subject to community support)**

Why the need to update the NP?

- ▶ To ensure that the NP remains up-to-date and continues to reflect the community's needs and requirements
- ▶ To ensure that the policies continue to protect from speculative development
- ▶ To ensure that it continues to be aligned with national (Government) planning policy (NPPF)
- ▶ To anticipate the potential requirements of HBBC's emerging Local Plan
- ▶ To establish the community's priorities ahead of the outcome of the Local Government Review (LGR) process

What the NP can and can't do

CAN:

- ▶ Decide where and what type of development
- ▶ Include policies on design standards
- ▶ Identify areas for protection
- ▶ Set out improvements or additions to facilities and services

CANNOT:

- ▶ Prevent legitimate development taking place
- ▶ Conflict with existing current statutory policies (e.g. NPPF)
- ▶ Be prepared by a body other than a parish council or without community support

Next steps

- ▶ The community must be supportive to proceed
- ▶ Establish a steering group – volunteers from across the parish

- ▶ Critically review current NP
- ▶ Identify update(s) required
- ▶ Community and stakeholder consultation: issues and priorities

- ▶ Evidence gathering and policy development/review
- ▶ Consultation, examination and referendum

Questions

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Further information:

- ▶ www.sheepyparish.com/neighbourhood-plan



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